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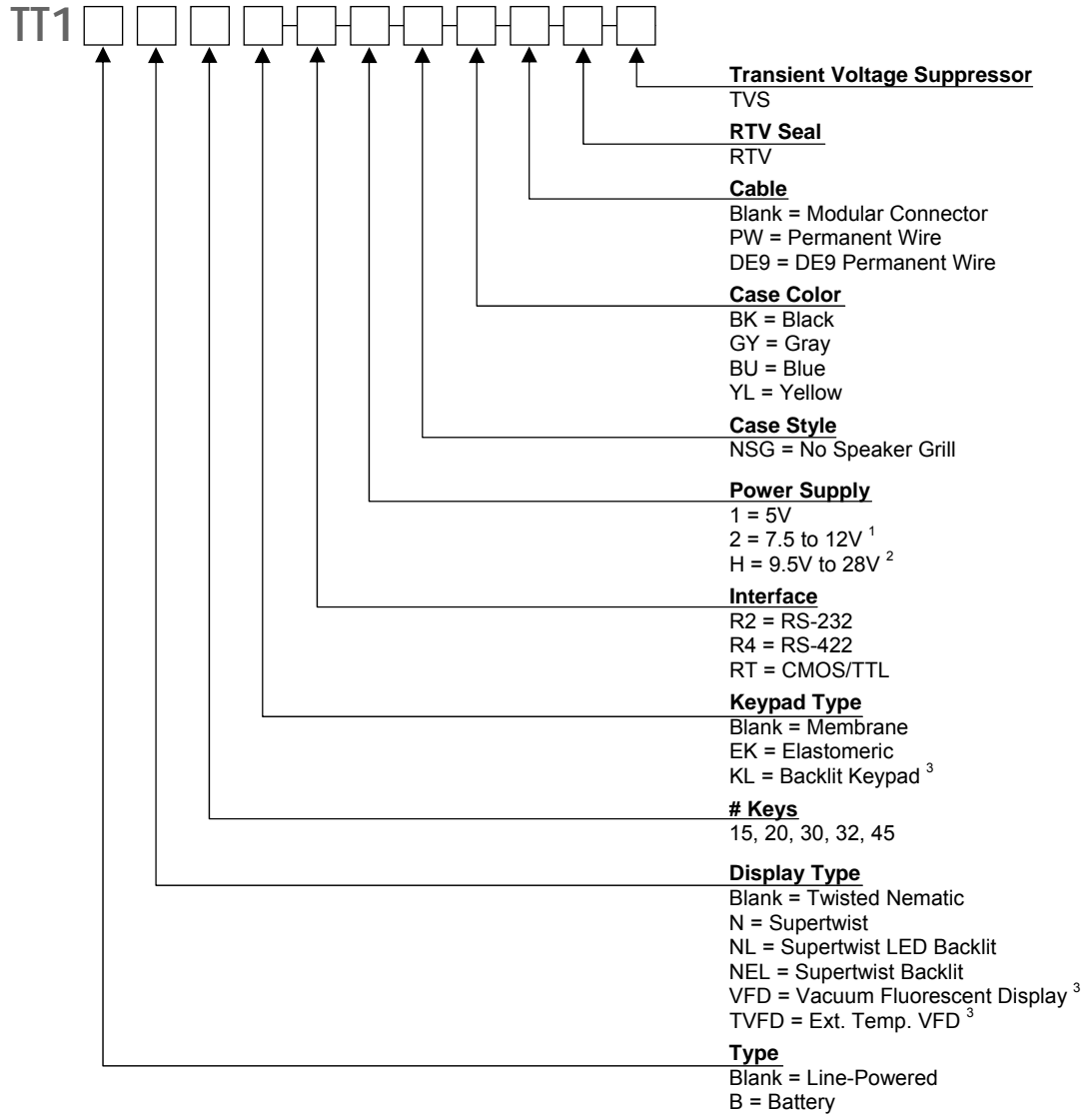


Electrostatic discharge (static electricity) can have unpredictable adverse effects on any electronic device. Although the design of the TechTerm incorporates extensive ESD-related precautions, ESD can still cause problems. It is good practice to discharge static by touching a grounded metal object before inserting cards or connecting devices.

Product Selection Guide

The TechTerm is an ASCII terminal for use with computers, properly equipped instruments and industrial machinery.

Standard configuration includes a membrane keypad, twisted nematic liquid crystal display and modular interface connection, but other configurations are available. A suffix applied to the model number identifies the configuration as shown below:



1. A linear regulator (7805A) with a minimum input of 7.5 V and a maximum voltage of 28.0 V that dissipates one watt of power thereby limiting maximum permissible input voltage according to current draw of terminal.
2. A switching type voltage regulator with a minimum input of 9.5 V and a maximum voltage of 28.0 V. Since input voltage is not dependent on the terminal's current draw, it is suitable for all options.
3. Not available on battery units

Power Requirements

Power Supply Options

Depending on the current draw requirements, the terminal may require the use of different power supplies. Use the configuration number listed below (see previous page) to determine the correct power supply:

- "-1" – requires connection to a 5-volt $\pm 5\%$ regulated power source.
- "-2" – requires connection to a power source between 7.5 and 12 VDC that can source adequate current. However, depending on a unit's total current draw, an input of up to 28 VDC may be applied. See chart on next page.
- "-H" – requires connection to a power source between 9.5 and 28 VDC that can source adequate current. However, input voltage is not dependent on a terminal's current draw and may be used with all terminal options.

Calculating Total Current Draw

The table below summarizes the current draw requirements for the TechTerm in various configurations (measured at its interface connector). Values listed are approximate due to variations in individual components – actual values may vary.

<i>Current Draw for Basic Configuration</i>		
<i>Configuration</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Draw</i>
TT1R2	Base Unit with RS-232	35 mA
TT1R4	Base Unit with RS-422	33 mA*
<i>Current Draw for Options</i>		
NL	LED Supertwist Backlit	Add 185 mA
NEL/TEL	Supertwist Backlit/Extended Temperature Backlit	Add 45 mA
VFD/TVFD	Vacuum Fluorescent Display/Extended Temperature VFD	Add 300 mA
KL	Backlit Keypad	Add 80 mA
<i>Operational Current Requirements</i>		
	Handshake Low	Add 3 mA
	Handshake Floating (not connected)	Add 1 mA

*Worse case measurement, based on 4000 feet of cable, terminated with a 120-Ohm resistor.

To calculate the total current draw for your terminal configuration:

1. Read the model number on the back of your terminal.
2. Using the model number and the table above, add the current draw for each option to that of the base unit.

Example 1 – TT1NEL45R2:

RS-232 Option 35 mA

Supertwist Backlit Display 45 mA

Calculated Total Current 80 mA

RS-232 Option 35 mA

Vacuum Fluorescent Display 300 mA

Calculated Total Current 335 mA

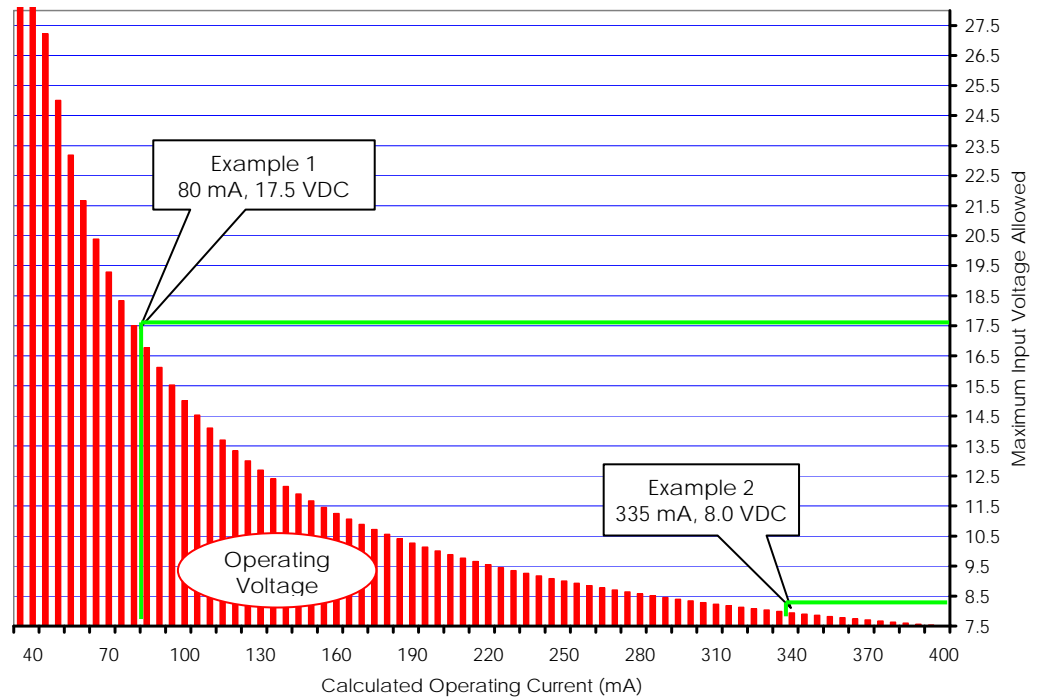
Determining the Maximum Input Voltage Allowed

The maximum input voltage allowed is based on a unit's current draw.

To determine the maximum input voltage allowed based on current:

3. Calculate the maximum current draw using the table on the previous page.
4. On the following chart, locate the Calculated Total Current on the Calculated Operating Current axis of the chart, and then move to the top of Operating Voltage range.
5. Look at the corresponding Maximum Input Voltage Allowed where the intersection occurs to find the maximum useable voltage for your terminal configuration.

Restricted Input Voltage vs. Current Draw



Using Example 1 and the chart above, the 80 mA drawn by the TT1NEL45R2 intersects with 17.5 volts. If the maximum supply voltage to the terminal is greater than 17.5 VDC, it requires a -H power supply configuration.

Using Example 2 and the chart above, the 335 mA drawn by the TT1VFD45R2 intersects with 8.0 volts. If the maximum supply voltage to the terminal is greater than 8.0 VDC, it requires a -H power supply configuration.

To clarify, if your system is supplying 12.0 VDC, the power is acceptable for the TT1NEL45R2 (Example 1), but not for the TT1VFD45R2 (Example 2). Applying 12.0 VDC to the TT1VFD45R2 (Example 2) will **damage** it.

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CHAPTER 1



OVERVIEW

About this Manual

Intended for authorized developers with prior knowledge of hand held PC application development, this manual describes the advanced features, operations and interface capabilities of Two Technologies' TechTerm terminals. It is not for use by end-users.

Unless otherwise stated, the operational characteristics described herein correspond to factory default configurations and settings as shipped from Two Technologies with a standard 45-key keypad.

Because TechTerm terminals are highly customizable products with several optional configurations and special keypad layouts, this manual only describes standard features and operation. For custom configurations and special options, consult the appropriate supplemental manual or addendum.

It is beyond the scope of this manual to provide operating system tutorials or information about commercial or customized TechTerm application programs and connected equipment. This information should be available in the manuals that accompany those products.

Wherever used herein, the term "TechTerm" applies to all models (except as noted).

NOTICE

The information contained in this manual applies only to TechTerm terminals manufactured after May 2001 (Serial Number HH184408 and above).

Because newer models contain additional functions not found on previous models, use of these functions on older terminal may cause unexpected results.

Symbols and Conventions

Unless otherwise noted, this manual uses the following format conventions to distinguish elements of text:

- New terms used in this manual initially appear in *Italics*, for example: *host*.
- Names of keys as shown on a keypad appear in **bold type**, for example: **CTRL**.
- Names of parameter values appear in **uppercase letters**, for example: **ENABLE**.
- Esc represents the ASCII escape character in Escape commands, for example: Esc [4n.
- A lowercase "h" appearing after a number denotes a hexadecimal value, for example: 1Bh.

About Two Technologies

Two Technologies has been producing rugged hand held and panel mount terminals and computers for over fifteen years. By implementing state of the art design and manufacturing techniques, we revolutionized hand held terminals and computers inside and out. Today, Two Technologies offers over a dozen cost-effective solutions serving virtually every market.

About the TechTerm

Specifically designed for industrial applications, the TechTerm is a rugged and fully functional ASCII terminal with selectable operating parameters and fifteen menu-programmable function keys. Parameters and function key definitions are stored in non-volatile memory.

Commands issued by the host device can directly control the TechTerm's cursor movement, cursor style and signal tones from the built-in speaker.

TechTerm Features

Two Technologies offers the TechTerm with the following features. You can find additional information regarding specifications in [Appendix A](#).

Power

The TechTerm is available as a line-powered or battery-powered unit. Line-powered units use a 7.5-12 VDC linear regulator. A 5 VDC ($\pm 5\%$) transformer and optional 9.5-28 VDC switching regulator are also available, depending on current draw.

Battery-powered TechTerms come equipped with a push-button power switch, low-battery indicator and a rechargeable Nickel Metal Hydride (NiMH) battery. Operating time on a full charge is up to 40 hours, depending on use. Battery-powered TechTerms can also operate on six AA alkaline batteries

Display

TechTerms come with a standard 80-character monochrome liquid crystal display that features the standard U. S. ASCII character set as dark characters on a light background.

A supertwist nematic display is available for applications that require a greater viewing angle. For applications where ambient light is insufficient, backlit supertwist and LED Backlight supertwist displays are available for line-powered units. Other display options for line-powered units include a Vacuum Fluorescent Display (VFD) and an extended temperature VFD.

Keypad

Securely framed and clamped into place, the keypad surface provides excellent splash resistance and prevents curling or peeling of the keypad overlay. Keypad layouts include 45, 30, and 20 keys available with standard or custom graphics and 32 and 15 keys available with custom graphics. Keypads can be made from your choice of elastomeric or membrane material.

Switches and Indicators

You can program up to fifteen function keys (keyboard dependent) with single characters and save in non-volatile memory.

Battery-powered TechTerms have an On/Off switch and a low battery indicator.

Interface Options

Interface options for the TechTerm include RS-232, RS-422 or CMOS/TTL protocols. Communication (up to 9600 bps) with a host device is through a modular 6-pin connector.

Durability

Like all Two Technologies' products, the TechTerm is remarkably rugged. The case consists of Cycolac ABS, one of the most durable, chemical-resistant materials available on the market today.

CHAPTER 2



OPERATION

Controls and Indicators

Figure 2-1 describes the possible components and indicators found on the front of a TechTerm as shown in Table 2-1.

Figure 2-1: TechTerm Controls and Indicators

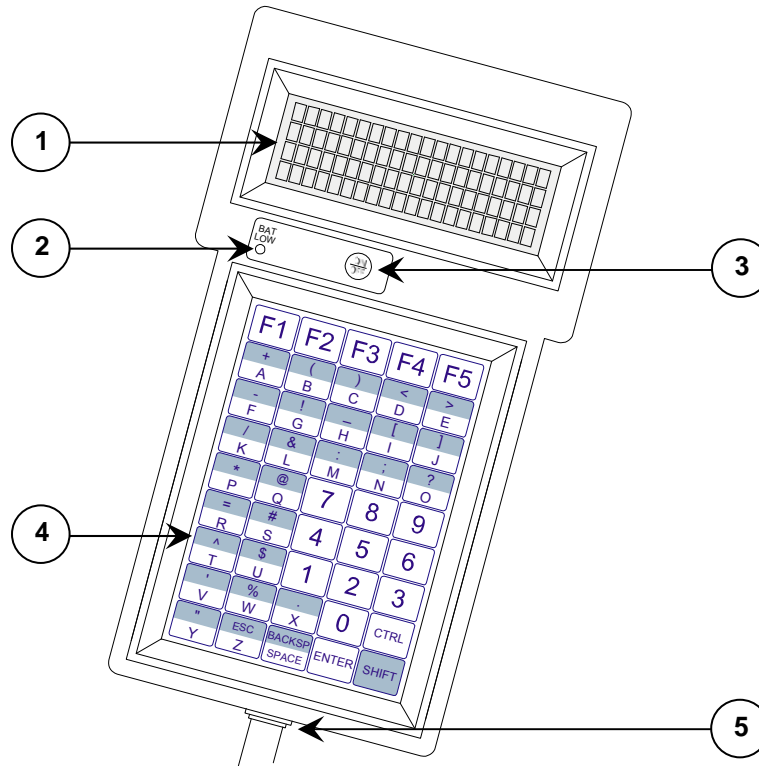


Table 2-1: TechTerm Controls and Indicators

<i>Item</i>	<i>Control/Feature</i>	<i>Description</i>
1	Display	4 Rows of 20 (5 x 7 pixel) characters
2	Low Battery Indicator	Battery-powered unit only
3	Power Switch	Battery-powered unit only
4	Keypad	45-key keypad (standard)
5	Modular Interface Connector	Supplies communication and power

Cable and Power Connections

Internal Communication Devices

The following table lists the internal interface devices used in the TechTerm.

Table 2-2: Interface Devices

<i>Interface</i>	<i>Manufacturer</i>	<i>Device</i>
RS-232	Linear Technology	LT1281
RS-422	Linear Technology	LTC490

Signal and Pin Assignments

Modular Interface Connector

Figure 2-2 depicts the standard six-pin modular interface connector found on the TechTerm. Table 2-3 describes its signal and pin assignments.

Warning: Use the six-pin modular receptacle for compatible serial devices only. Despite its physical similarity to modular telephone connectors, it is not compatible with telephone lines or signals. Connecting the terminal to a telephone line will damage it and void the warranty.

Figure 2-2: Modular Interface Connector

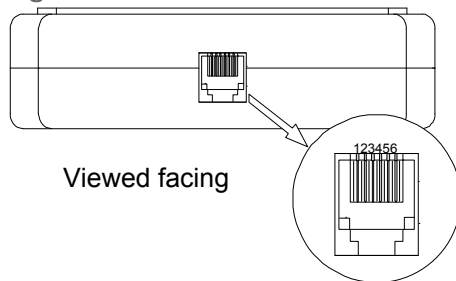


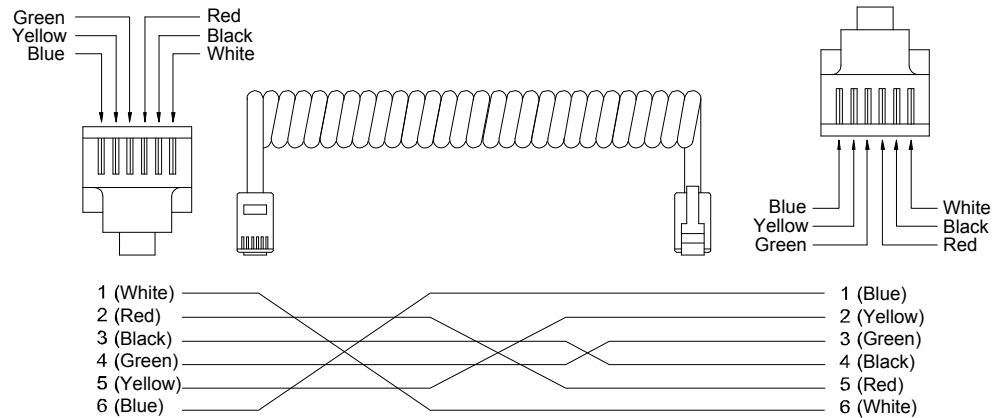
Table 2-3: Modular Interface Connector Signal and Pin Assignments

<i>Pin</i>	<i>RS-232/CMOS/TTL</i>	<i>RS-422</i>
1	+ Supply to terminal	+ Supply to terminal
2	Handshake-In to terminal	+ Data-In to terminal
3	Handshake-Out from terminal	+ Data-Out from terminal
4	Data-In to terminal	- Data-In to terminal
5	Data-Out from terminal	- Data-Out from terminal
6	Common	Common

Standard Accessory Cables

Standard modular cables (1210-7 and 1210-15) that mate with the terminal's modular interface connector and Two Technologies' PCAT wired adapter are available as optional accessories. These cables will reverse the signal output from the terminal (see illustration below). Non-reversing modular cables (1210-7-NR and 1210-15-NR) are also available.

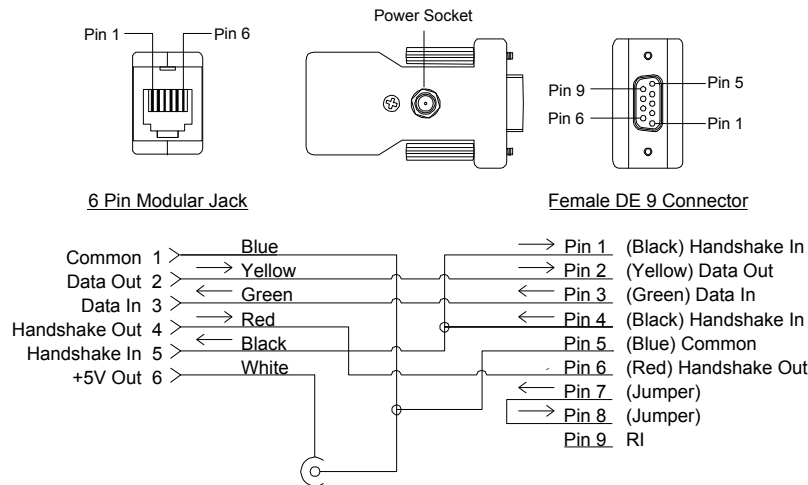
Figure 2-3: 1210 Series Modular Cable



PCAT Wired Adapter

The PCAT modular connector enables connection to a host device as well as supplying a connection for a power supply.

Figure 2-4: PCAT Modular Connector



Note: Pin descriptions assume connection through a Two Technologies' 1210 series modular cable to the terminal's modular connector.

Connecting the Terminal

To connect the terminal to a host device using Two Technologies parts:

1. Plug one end of a [1210 modular cable](#) into the modular connector on the bottom of the terminal. Plug the other end into the [PCAT adaptor](#).
2. Plug the PCAT adapter into the host device.

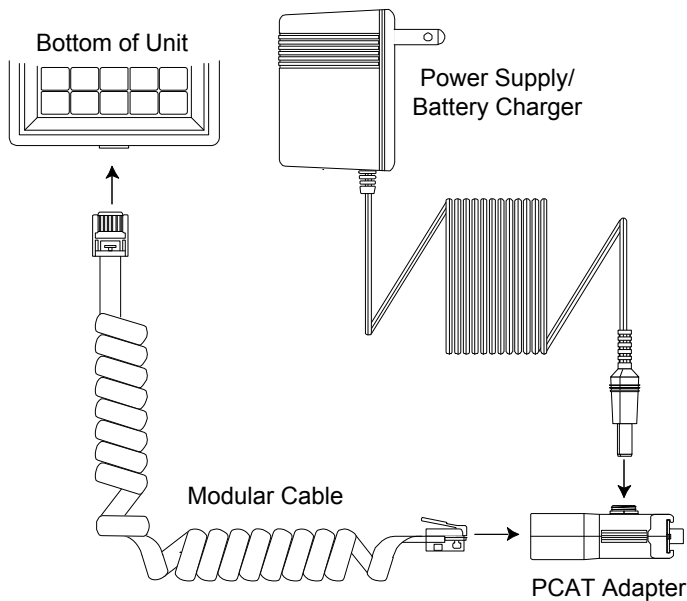
Power

Line-Powered Units

To supply power to a line-powered TechTerm:

1. Plug one end of a [1210 modular cable](#) into the modular connector on the bottom of the terminal. Plug the other end into the [PCAT adaptor](#).

Figure 2-5: Cable Connections



2. Using a Two Technologies' power supply (such as a Two Technologies 1226-1 linear power supply for units with a -2 power supply configuration), plug the power supply connector into the PCAT adapter and then plug the power supply into a 120 VAC 60 Hz power outlet.
3. The terminal should turn on and a blinking cursor should appear on the display. If the terminal does not turn on, refer to the [Troubleshooting](#) section of this manual for help.

Battery-Powered Units

Battery-powered TechTerms come equipped with a rechargeable Nickel Metal Hydride (NiMH) battery that has exceptional charge life without the “charge memory” characteristic of conventional nickel cadmium batteries. Partially discharged batteries or extended periods with the charger left connected will not adversely affect battery life or performance.

Operating time on a full charge is up to 40 hours, depending on use. The time required for a full charge depends on the initial state of the battery. With the terminal off, this time should not exceed eight hours. Battery-powered TechTerms can also operate on six AA alkaline batteries.

Battery-powered TechTerms also have a low battery indicator, which indicates that there is approximately one hour of operating power remaining. A built-in power saver will turn off battery-powered TechTerms after ten minutes of inactivity. Any key press or character received by the TechTerm will reset the power-saver timer.

To turn on battery-powered units, press the On/Off switch. The terminal should turn on and a blinking cursor should appear on the display. If the terminal does not turn on, refer to the [Troubleshooting](#) section of this manual for help.

Charging the Unit

Because the internal battery charger senses several conditions, including temperature, you should charge the unit away from any known or potential heat sources. Units exposed to temperatures in excess of 90 degrees Fahrenheit during the charge cycle may experience incomplete charging and reduced operating time per charge.

To recharge the Nickel Metal Hydride (NiMH) battery pack, plug the Two Technologies' power supply/battery charger (Part # 13799) into the PCAT adapter and then plug the power supply/battery charger into a 120 VAC 60 Hz power outlet.

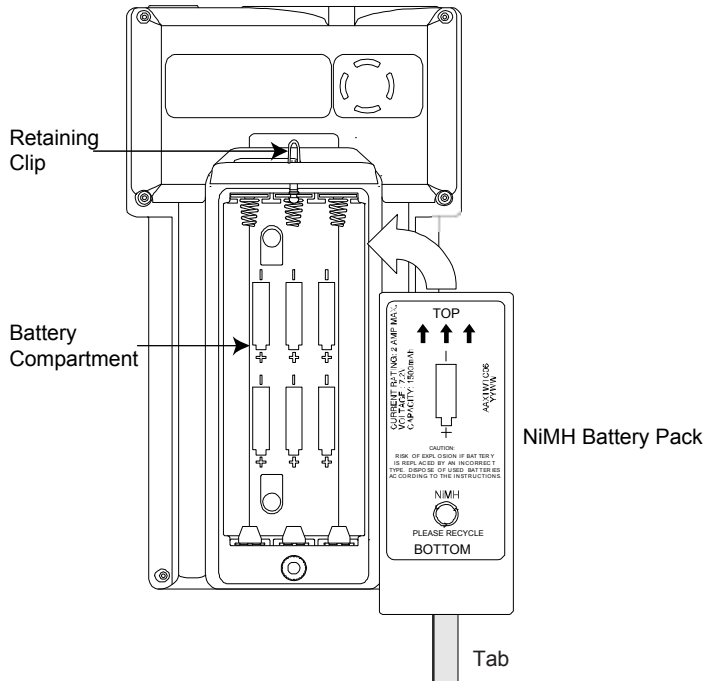
Changing Batteries

To change batteries:

1. With the unit face down, pull the battery cover retaining clip up from its recessed slot and turn the clip in a counter clockwise motion.
2. Lift the cover up and remove the batteries. If the unit contains a battery pack, use the tab on the battery pack to lift up and then out.

3. Insert the new batteries or battery pack into the unit using the orientation shown in Figure 2-6.

Figure 2-6: Battery Orientation



4. Close the battery cover and turn the battery cover retaining clip clockwise to lock the cover.

Keypad Operation

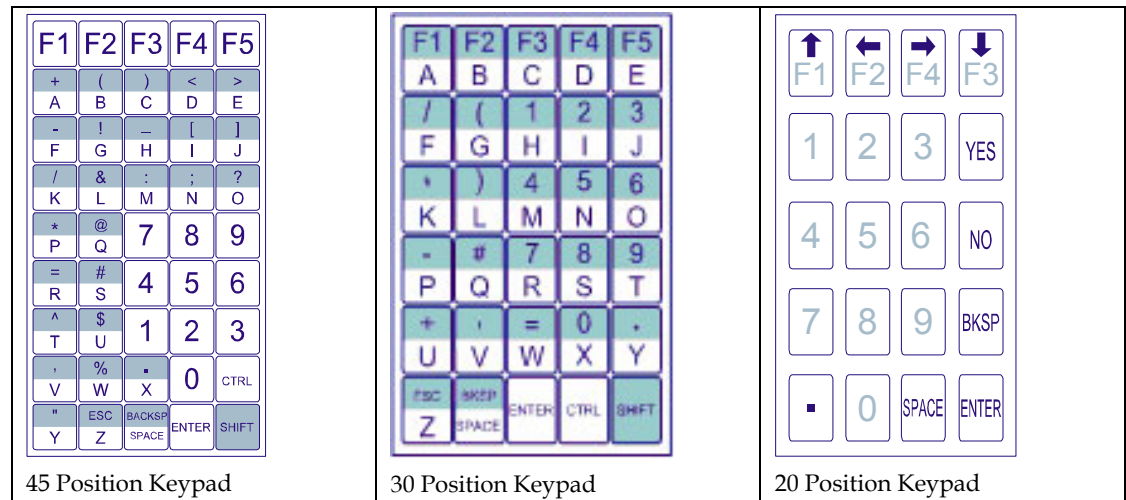
The standard 30 position and 45 position keypads consist of uppercase letters, digits 0 through 9, punctuation marks, symbols, function keys and keys for Escape (**ESC**), Space (**SPACE**), Backspace (**BACKSP/BKSP**), Control (**CTRL**), Shift (**SHIFT**) and Enter (**ENTER**). You can program the **SHIFT** key to operate in normal or locked mode. In the locked mode, pressing a modifier key will toggle its respective state.

Transmission of control characters will cancel the control state. If both the Shift and Control states are active, lowercase alphabetic characters will replace corresponding uppercase alphabetic characters.

For Function keys (F1, F2, etc.), you can re-assign default characters with characters from the key output definition menu (see [Appendix C](#)).

The standard 20 position keypads consist of the digits 0 through 9, functions keys and keys for Yes (**YES**), No (**NO**), Backspace (**BKSP**), Space (**SPACE**) and Enter (**ENTER**).

Figure 2-7: Standard Keypads



Display Operation

The TechTerm screen displays the standard U.S. ASCII 96 character set. Characters appear at the display at the current cursor location.

Cursor Position

Typically, the cursor moves from left to right as the terminal displays characters (unless altered by Escape commands). The cursor is host command programmable as a block or underscore, blinking or non-blinking.

Whenever a character appears in the last position of the top three rows, the cursor will move to the leftmost position on the next row. Whenever a character appears in the last position on the bottom row, the terminal will temporarily hide the cursor. After scrolling the screen up one row, the TechTerm will display the next character in the first position on a new bottom row followed by the cursor.

Operating Modes

TechTerms have several operating modes. The default mode is Terminal mode. It allows the terminal to display characters, respond to commands sent by a connecting device, and send characters to the connecting device as keys are pressed. Other modes, described later in this manual, enable you to [set operating parameters](#) and [program function key definitions](#).

Host Control

The design of TechTerms allows a connecting device (or *“host”*) to control its functions through the transmission of a string of special characters.

Referred to as *“Escape commands”* (because each character string begins with the ASCII escape character), these character strings enable the host to move the cursor, sound an alert, program the function keys and set any of the operating parameters.

CHAPTER 3



MANUAL CONFIGURATION

Introduction

A comprehensive set of user-settable operating parameters and programmable function keys makes the TechTerm suitable for diverse applications. Each settable parameter and programmable function key has a default value. These values are stored in the terminal's permanent memory.

This chapter describes each operating parameter in detail, as well as how to set the parameters and load the default values. Chapter 4 covers programmable function keys.

Parameter Menu Settings

The following section describes the parameters that you can program in a TechTerm. A summary ([Table 3-1](#)) appears at the end of the section.

Baud Rate

This parameter sets the number of bits per second transmitted. The data rate can be set to: 300, 600, 1200, 2400, 4800 or 9600 baud. The default value is 9600.

Data Bits

This parameter sets the number of data bits transmitted per character, either seven (7) or eight (8). The default value is eight (8).

Parity

This parameter enables/disables the host's ability to perform error checking on incoming characters and ensure accuracy. Allowable settings are EVEN, ODD, MARK, SPACE and IGNORE. The default value is EVEN.

When set to EVEN, ODD, MARK or SPACE, the terminal will perform the corresponding check on incoming data. When set to IGNORE will still add a parity check bit to each character, but the value of that bit is indeterminate.

Note: *Should the host require a communication setting of 8 data bits with no parity, select 7 data bits and SPACE parity.*

Display PE

When using a parity of EVEN, ODD, MARK or SPACE, you can enable this parameter to display a special character ([Figure 3-1](#)) when a parity error occurs. With this option disabled, the character displays as received. The default value is ENABLED.

Figure 3-1: Parity Error Symbol



Repeat

This parameter determines the repeat keypad character rate while the key remains pressed. The allowable values are SLOW (10 characters per second), FAST (18 characters per second) and DISABLED. The default value is FAST. When set to DISABLED, key repeat is inoperative. In all cases, there is a short delay between the initial character and the start of the repeat.

Echo

This parameter enables/disables the TechTerm's ability to display (echo) keypad entries on the screen. When set to DISABLED (the default value), only characters received by the terminal will display.

Handshake

This parameter enables/disables use of the two handshake lines (DTR-DSR or RTS-CTS) in models equipped with a RS-232 or TTL/CMOS interface. The Handshake parameter has a default value of ENABLED.

When enabled, the terminal will only send characters to the host when it detects the Handshake-In line. If the terminal cannot process the incoming characters, it will drop its Handshake-Out line to the host. Any characters sent in this state will be lost.

When disabled, the terminal will assert the Handshake-Out line and ignore the Handshake-In line.

Self-Test

This setting determines if the TechTerm will perform a confidence test at boot-up. The test displays the U.S. ASCII Character Set and checks the internal RAM and ROM. The TechTerm will beep when the test is completed. If an error occurs, the TechTerm will display an error message. The Self-Test parameter has a default value of DISABLED.

Power Saver

The Power Saver parameter is available on battery-powered units only. When enabled, the terminal will turn itself off after ten minutes of inactivity (no key press or characters receive from host). The Power Saver parameter has a default value of **ENABLED**

Parameter Menu Summary

The following table lists the allowable settings and default values available through the Parameter menu.

Table 3-1: Parameter Menu Summary

<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Options (Default In Bold)</i>
BAUD	300, 600, 1200, 2400, 4800, 9600
DATA BITS	7 , 8
PARITY	EVEN , ODD, MARK, SPACE, IGNORE
DISPLAY PE	ENABLED , DISABLED
REPEAT	SLOW, FAST , DISABLED
ECHO	ENABLED, DISABLED
HANDSHAKE	ENABLED , DISABLED
SELF TEST	ENABLED, DISABLED
POWER SAVER ¹	ENABLED , DISABLED

1. Only appears on battery-powered units.

Changing Parameter Settings

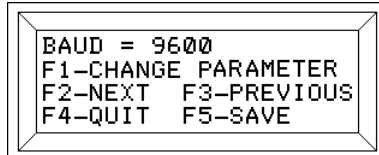
The following procedure describes how to change parameter settings using a 45 or 30-key TechTerm, other keypad configurations may work differently.

To change the parameters settings:

1. For 45 or 30-key terminals, simultaneously hold **CTRL** and **SHIFT**, and press **F1**.
For 20-key terminals, simultaneously hold **BKSP** and **ENTER**, and press **F1**.

Note: You can also access the Parameter menu, by removing power, simultaneously holding **CTRL**, **SHIFT** and **F3** (for 20-key terminals, use **BKSP**, **ENTER** and **F3**), and reapplying power.

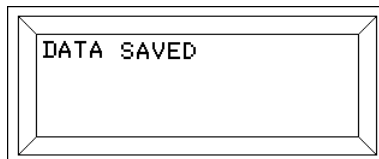
The Parameter menu appears with the first parameter on the top line.



2. To change the value of the current parameter, press **F1**.
3. To view the next parameter, press **F2**.
4. To view the previous parameter, press **F3**.
5. To save any changes and exit the menu on 45 or 30-key terminals, press **F5**. To exit the menu without saving any changes, press **F4**.

To save any changes and exit the menu on 20-key terminals, press **F4**.

If you make any changes, the TechTerm will display the following screen:



Loading Factory Default Settings

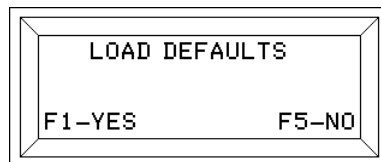
The following procedure describes how to load the factory default settings using a 45 or 30-key TechTerm, other keypad configurations may work differently.

To load the factory default settings:

1. Remove power or turn off the TechTerm.
2. For 45 or 30-key terminals, simultaneously hold **CTRL**, **SHIFT** and **F1**, and reapply power.

For 20-key terminals, simultaneously hold **BKSP**, **ENTER** and **F1**, and reapply power.

3. After the terminal sounds an alert and displays the "LOAD DEFAULTS?" message, release the keys.



4. For 45 or 30-key terminals, press **F1** to reload the default values. Press **F5** to leave the parameters unchanged.

For 20-key terminals, press **F1** to reload the default values. Press **F4** to leave the parameters unchanged.

Restricting Access

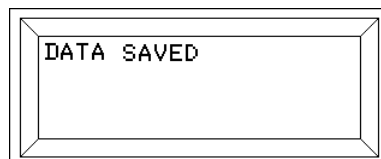
The following procedure describes how to prevent access to the Parameter menu and disable function key programming using a 45 or 30-key TechTerm, other keypad configurations may work differently.

To restrict access to the Parameter menu and disable function key programming:

1. Remove power or turn off the TechTerm.
2. For 45 or 30-key terminals, simultaneously hold **CTRL**, **SHIFT** and **F5**, and reapply power.

For 20-key terminals, simultaneously hold **BKSP**, **ENTER** and **F5**, and reapply power.

In either case, the terminal will display the following message:



To re-enable access to the Parameter menu and function key programming, simply repeat the procedure above.

CHAPTER 4



KEY PROGRAMMING

Introduction

You can program between 10 and 15 function keys with single ASCII characters, including non-printing characters depending on the keypad type (Figure 2-7). All programmable function key settings are stored in the TechTerm's nonvolatile memory.

Notes: To display the results of key programming on your terminal, you must enable ECHO. The number of programmable function keys may vary with custom keypad configurations.

Table 4-1: Function Key Values

Keypad	Key	Value	+ SHIFT	+ CTRL
45 Key	F1	11h	61h	66h
	F2	12h	62h	67h
	F3	13h	63h	68h
	F4	14h	64h	69h
	F5	15h	65h	6Ah
30 Key	F1	41h	11h	01h
	F2	42h	12h	02h
	F3	43h	13h	03h
	F4	44h	14h	04h
	F5	45h	15h	05h
20 Key	F1	41h	N/A	N/A
	F2	42h	N/A	N/A
	F3	43h	N/A	N/A
	F4	44h	N/A	N/A

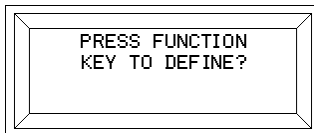
Defining Function Keys

The following procedure describes how to define a function key using a 45 or 30-key TechTerm, other keypad configurations may work differently.

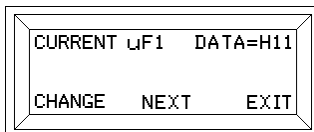
To define a function key:

1. On 30-key and 45-key terminals, simultaneously hold **CTRL**, **SHIFT** and **F2**.

On 20-key terminals, simultaneously hold **BKSP**, **ENTER** and **F2**. The screen will display:



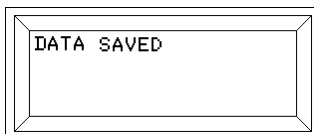
2. Select a key to program, by pressing that key (for example, F1). The screen will then show hex code for that key (H11).



3. Press **F1** to change the current value. You can also press **F3** to return to the previous screen or press **F5** to exit (on 20-key terminals, press **F4**). When changing the current value, the screen will display:



4. Enter the new hex code. If needed, press **F3** to change your entry.
5. To save you changes, press **F5** (on 20-key terminals, press **F4**). To quit without saving, press **F1**. When saving your changes, the screen will display:



Warning! Do not remove power from the terminal while the above message appears on the screen or you will corrupt all stored data. Should you remove power during this time, you will have *load default values*.

Notes: You can disable function key programming by simultaneously pressing **CTRL**, **SHIFT** and **F5**. Refer to the *Restricting Access* procedure for additional information.

To display the results of key programming on your terminal, you must enable *ECHO*.

CHAPTER 5



HOST COMMANDS

Introduction

The TechTerm will respond to certain command strings issue from a host device to control some of its functionality. These commands can start with either an Escape character or a Control character.

For example, sending an Esc E will clear the display and move the cursor to the home position), while sending a Ctrl K will move the cursor down one row.

Note: *Do not use spaces between characters in Control or Escape commands. Any spacing shown for Escape commands in this chapter is for clarity only unless otherwise noted.*

Escape Commands

This section describes the Escape commands that a host devices can issue to control the TechTerm's functionality. A summary of Escape commands appears at the end of this section.

Note: *You cannot buffer sound commands. To produce properly spaced chain sounds, the host must delay a short time between issuing sound commands.*

Cursor Up

Syntax Esc A

Notes Moves the cursor up one row, but not beyond the start or end of a line, nor will it scroll the display

Cursor Down

Syntax Esc B

Notes Moves the cursor down one row, but not beyond the start or end of a line, nor will it scroll the display

Cursor Right

Syntax Esc C

Notes Moves the cursor one position to the right, but not beyond the start or end of a line, nor will it scroll the display

Cursor Left

Syntax Esc D

Notes Move the cursor one position to the left, but not move the start or end of a line, nor will it scroll the display

Cursor Home & Clear Display

Syntax Esc E

Notes Includes the character at the cursor location

Enable Underscore Cursor

Syntax Esc F

Disable Underscore Cursor

Syntax Esc G

Cursor Home

Syntax Esc H

Erase Display

Syntax Esc I

Notes Includes the character at the cursor location, but does not alter the cursor position

Erase Cursor to End of Display

Syntax Esc J

Notes Includes the character at the cursor location and does not alter the cursor position

Erase Cursor to End of Line

Syntax Esc K

Notes Includes the character at the cursor location and does not alter the cursor position

Long Bell

Syntax Esc L

Erase Entire Line

Syntax Esc M

Notes Includes the character at the cursor location and does not alter the cursor position

Click

Syntax Esc P

Alert

Syntax Esc Q

Enable Blinking Cursor

Syntax Esc R

Disable Blinking Cursor

Syntax Esc S

Short Bell

Syntax Esc T

Enable Key Click

Syntax Esc U

Disable Key Click

Syntax Esc V

Cursor Position

Syntax Esc Y *Pr Pc*

Notes Moves the cursor to a specified location where *Pr* is the ASCII character equivalent of the row numbers and *Pc* is the ASCII character equivalent of the column numbers shown below.

<i>Row (Pr)</i>	<i>ASCII</i>	<i>Column (Pc)</i>	<i>ASCII</i>	<i>Column (Pc)</i>	<i>ASCII</i>
1	SP	1	SP	11	*
2	!	2	!	12	+
3	"	3	"	13	,
4	#	4	#	14	-
		5	\$	15	.
		6	%	16	/
		7	&	17	0
		8	'	18	1
		9	(	19	2
		10	)	20	3

Examples Esc Y !) will send the cursor to Row 2, Column 10
Esc Y #0 will send the cursor to Row 4, Column 17
Esc Y !+ will send the cursor to Row 2, Column 12

Return Terminal Identifier String

Syntax Esc Z

Notes This command sends the following identifier string to the host:

TT1BCCCCNN

Where *B* indicates a battery unit (if applicable), *CCCC* is the four-byte hexadecimal checksum of the terminal's program memory and *NN* is the keypad type (30 = 30-key keypad or blank = 45-key keypad).

When using this command to identify the terminal type, do not include the checksum as it may change.

Escape Command Summary

The following table is a summary of the available host commands.

Table 5-1: Host Command Summary

<i>Command</i>	<i>Code/Syntax</i>
Cursor Up	Esc A
Cursor Down	Esc B
Cursor Right	Esc C
Cursor Left	Esc D
Cursor Home & Clear Display	Esc E
Enable Underscore Cursor	Esc F
Disable Underscore Cursor	Esc G
Cursor Home	Esc H
Erase Display	Esc I
Erase Cursor to End of Display	Esc J
Erase Cursor to End of Line	Esc K
Long Bell	Esc L
Erase Entire Line	Esc M
Click	Esc P
Alert	Esc Q
Enable Blinking Cursor	Esc R
Disable Blinking Cursor	Esc S
Short Bell	Esc T
Enable Key Click	Esc U
Disable Key Click	Esc V
Cursor Position	Esc Y <i>Pr Pc</i>
Return Terminal Identifier String	Esc Z

Control Code Commands

The host can control some of TechTerm's functionality by sending it commands that start with the Control character. For example, sending a Ctrl G will sound the bell on the TechTerm.

Table 5-2: Control Codes

<i>Command</i>	<i>Code</i>
Send ENQ	Ctrl E
Sounds Bell	Ctrl G
Back Space Cursor	Ctrl H
Line Feed	Ctrl J
Cursor Down	Ctrl K
Cursor Left to Column 1	Ctrl M
Delete Character at Cursor	DEL

CHAPTER 6



TROUBLESHOOTING

Cursor does not appear on display

Possible Cause: No power to terminal (host supplied)

Solution: Verify proper voltage to terminal

Possible Cause: No power to terminal (adapter supplied)

Solution: Verify wall plug is functional and wiring of adapter (if wired as kit)

Possible Cause: Reversed polarity, improper wiring or wrong cable type

Solution: Check cable and connector wiring

Possible Cause: Cursor not enabled

Solution: Re-enable the cursor by sending an Esc [4t (ANSI mode) or Esc F (Private mode) or by changing the CURSOR parameter setting

Terminal resets or locks-up

Possible Cause: Low voltage output

Solution: Verify proper voltage to terminal

Possible Cause: Cable resistance too high or wire gauge too small

Solution: Cable should be 26 AWG or larger

Possible Cause: Handshaking between host and terminal

Solution: When using handshaking, verify that the wiring between the host and terminal is correct, that you have the HANDSHAKE parameter enabled and that the handshake line from the host is asserted

When not using handshaking, make sure you have the HANDSHAKE parameter disabled

Terminal does not perform self-test

Possible Cause: Self-test parameter disabled

Solution: Change SELF TEST parameter to ENABLE

Terminal not receiving or displaying correct characters

Possible Cause: Parity settings incorrect

Solution: Change PARITY parameter to correct setting

Possible Cause: Data bits incorrect

Solution: Change DATA BITS parameter to correct setting

Possible Cause: Incorrect BAUD rate

Solution: Change BAUD parameter to correct setting

Possible Cause: Handshaking between host and terminal

Solution: When using handshaking, verify that the wiring between the host and terminal is correct, that you have the HANDSHAKE parameter enabled and that the handshake line from the host is asserted

When not using handshaking, make sure you have the HANDSHAKE parameter disabled

Possible Cause: Reversed polarity, improper wiring or wrong cable type

Solution: Check cable and connector wiring

Terminal displays PE character

Possible Cause: Incorrect parity setting

Solution: Change the PARITY setting on the terminal to match the host or vice versa

Possible Cause: Handshaking between host and terminal

Solution: When using handshaking, verify that the wiring between the host and terminal is correct, that you have the HANDSHAKE parameter enabled and that the handshake line from the host is asserted

When not using handshaking, make sure you have the HANDSHAKE parameter disabled

Terminal generates continuous sound while pressing key

Possible Cause: Handshaking between host and terminal

Solution: When using handshaking, verify that the wiring between the host and terminal is correct, that you have the HANDSHAKE parameter enabled and that the handshake line from the host is asserted

When not using handshaking, make sure you have the HANDSHAKE parameter disabled

Terminal displays double characters

Possible Cause: Echo turned on

Solution: Disable ECHO parameter

Cannot access parameter mode or function key programming

Possible Cause: Menu lock-out enabled

Solution: Remove power, simultaneously hold **CTRL**, **SHIFT** and **F5**, and reapply power

Possible Cause: Handshaking between host and terminal

Solution: When using handshaking, verify that the wiring between the host and terminal is correct, that you have the **HANDSHAKE** parameter enabled and that the handshake line from the host is asserted

When not using handshaking, make sure you have the **HANDSHAKE** parameter disabled

Terminal losing characters

Possible Cause: Handshaking between host and terminal

Solution: When using handshaking, verify that the wiring between the host and terminal is correct, that you have the **HANDSHAKE** parameter enabled and that the handshake line from the host is asserted

When not using handshaking, make sure you have the **HANDSHAKE** parameter disabled

Function keys not sending correct values

Possible Cause: Key accidentally reprogrammed

Solution: Reprogram function key

Possible Cause: EEPROM corrupted by line disturbance

Solution: Restore factory defaults and then reprogram parameters and function keys

Possible Cause: Terminal reset to factory defaults after repair

Solution: Reprogram function keys

APPENDIX A



Specifications

Display

- Reflective/Transreflective Liquid Crystal Display
- 4 Row x 20 Character Display Format
- US ASCII Character Set (5 x 7 pixels)
- Dark Characters on Light Background (except VFD)
- Options: Supertwist, Supertwist Backlit, LED Supertwist Backlit, VFD* and Extended Temperature VFD*

* Not available on battery-powered units.

Keys & Switches

- Type: Membrane or Elastomeric
- Standard Layouts: 45-key (9 rows x 5 columns) and 30-key (6 x 5)
- Custom Layouts: 20-key (5 x 4), 32-key (8 x 4) and 15-key (5 x 3)
- Feedback: Tactile and Audible
- Programmability: Up to five function keys with up to fifteen definitions (depending on keypad)
- Optional Backlit Keypad Available

Power

- Line:
 - Voltage: 5 VDC +/- 5%, 7.5-12 VDC* Linear Regulator or 9.5-28 VDC Switching Regulator
Maximum voltage depends on current draw.
 - Current: 15-20 mA Nominal (RS-232, RS-422)*
Some options require additional current (for example, a backlight adds 50 mA)
- Battery:
 - Nickel Metal Hydride Rechargeable Pack, (up to 40 hours of run time without backlight)
 - 6 AA Alkaline Batteries (not shipped with unit)

CPU

- Type: Atmel AT89C55WD
- Speed: 11.059 MHz

Interface

- Type: RS-232, RS-422 or CMOS/LSTTL level
- Handshaking: 2 Lines (DTR, DTS) for RS-232, CMOS/LSTTL
- Data Rates: 300 to 9,600 bps
- Parity Range: Even, Odd, Mark, Space, Ignore
- Control Bits: 1-Start and 1-Stop
- Standard Interface Connector: 6 Pin Female Modular Connector

Environmental

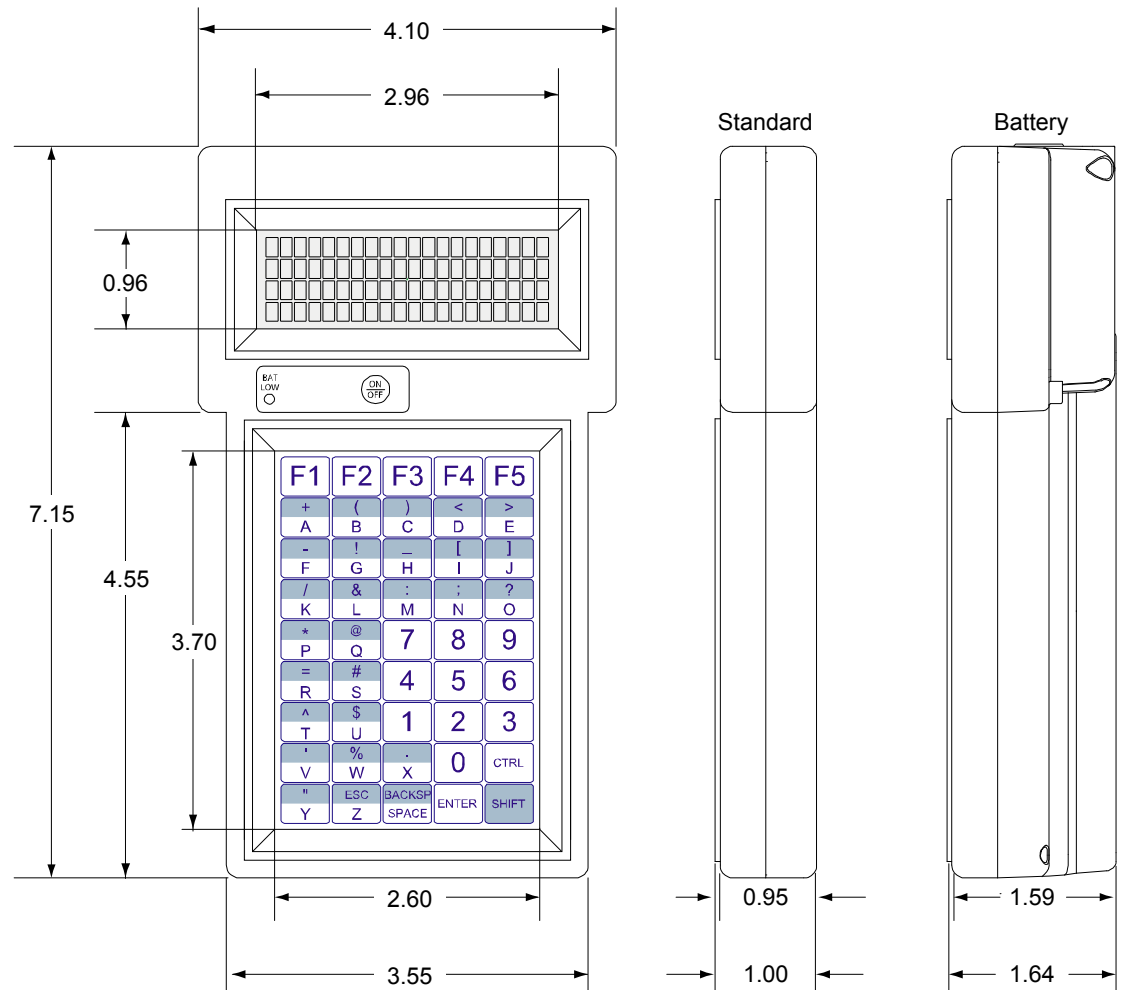
- Nematic Display
 - Storage Temperature: -20°C to +70°C
 - Operating Standard Temperature: 0° to + 50°C, Extended Temperature: -20°C to +70°C
- Vacuum Fluorescent Display
 - Storage Temperature: -40° to + 85°C
 - Operating Temperature: -20° to + 70°C, Extended Temperature: -40° to + 70°C
- Humidity: 5-95% (Non-condensing)

Physical

- Height: 8.25.inches (209.6 mm)
- Width: 4.10 inches (104.1 mm)
- Depth: 1.15 inches (29.2 mm)
- Weight: 8 ounces (227 grams)
- Weight w/NiMH Battery: 18 ounces (510 grams)
- Case: General Electric Cyclac ABS

Specifications are subject to change without notice

Figure A-1: TechTerm Case Dimensions



APPENDIX B



ASCII Character Set

Introduction

Table B-1 contains the 80 Series ASCII character set and corresponding Decimal, Hex and Binary conversion codes as well as the keystroke entry for QWERTY style PC keyboards:

Table B-1: ASCII Character Set and Conversion Codes

<i>ASCII</i>	<i>Decimal</i>	<i>HEX</i>	<i>Binary</i>	<i>PC Key</i>	<i>ASCII</i>	<i>Decimal</i>	<i>HEX</i>	<i>Binary</i>	<i>PC Key</i>
NUL	0	00	00000000	CTRL 1	Space	32	20	00100000	Space
SOH	1	01	00000001	CTRL A	!	33	21	00100001	!
STX	2	02	00000010	CTRL B	"	34	22	00100010	"
ETX	3	03	00000011	CTRL C	#	35	23	00100011	#
EOT	4	04	00000100	CTRL D	\$	36	24	00100100	\$
ENQ	5	05	00000101	CTRL E	%	37	25	00100101	%
ACK	6	06	00000110	CTRL F	&	38	26	00100110	&
BEL	7	07	00000111	CTRL G	'	39	27	00100111	'
BS	8	08	00001000	CTRL H	(	40	28	00101000	(
HT	9	09	00001001	CTRL I	)	41	29	00101001)
LF	10	0A	00001010	CTRL J	*	42	2A	00101010	*
VT	11	0B	00001011	CTRL K	+	43	2B	00101011	+
FF	12	0C	00001100	CTRL L	,	44	2C	00101100	,
CR	13	0D	00001101	CTRL M	-	45	2D	00101101	-
SO	14	0E	00001110	CTRL N	.	46	2E	00101110	.
SI	15	0F	00001111	CTRL O	/	47	2F	00101111	/
DLE	16	10	00010000	CTRL P	0	48	30	00110000	0
DC1	17	11	00010001	CTRL Q	1	49	31	00110001	1
DC2	18	12	00010010	CTRL R	2	50	32	00110010	2
DC3	19	13	00010011	CTRL S	3	51	33	00110011	3
DC4	20	14	00010100	CTRL T	4	52	34	00110100	4
NAK	21	15	00010101	CTRL U	5	53	35	00110101	5
SYNC	22	16	00010110	CTRL V	6	54	36	00110110	6
ETB	23	17	00010111	CTRL W	7	55	37	00110111	7
CAN	24	18	00011000	CTRL X	8	56	38	00111000	8
EM	25	19	00011001	CTRL Y	9	57	39	00111001	9
SUB	26	1A	00011010	CTRL Z	:	58	3A	00111010	:
ESC	27	1B	00011011	ESC	;	59	3B	00111011	;
FS	28	1C	00011100	CTRL<	<	60	3C	00111100	<
GS	29	1D	00011101	CTRL	=	61	3D	00111101	=
RS	30	1E	00011110	CTRL =	>	62	3E	00111110	>
US	31	1F	00011111	CTRL -	?	63	3F	00111111	?

<i>ASCII</i>	<i>Decimal</i>	<i>HEX</i>	<i>Binary</i>	<i>PC Key</i>	<i>ASCII</i>	<i>Decimal</i>	<i>HEX</i>	<i>Binary</i>	<i>PC Key</i>
@	64	40	01000000	@	`	96	60	01100000	`
A	65	41	01000001	A	a	97	61	01100001	a
B	66	42	01000010	B	b	98	62	01100010	b
C	67	43	01000011	C	c	99	63	01100011	c
D	68	44	01000100	D	d	100	64	01100100	d
E	69	45	01000101	E	e	101	65	01100101	e
F	70	46	01000110	F	f	102	66	01100110	f
G	71	47	01000111	G	g	103	67	01100111	g
H	72	48	01001000	H	h	104	68	01101000	h
I	73	49	01001001	I	i	105	69	01101001	i
J	74	4A	01001010	J	j	106	6A	01101010	j
K	75	4B	01001011	K	k	107	6B	01101011	k
L	76	4C	01001100	L	l	108	6C	01101100	l
M	77	4D	01001101	M	m	109	6D	01101101	m
N	78	4E	01001110	N	n	110	6E	01101110	n
O	79	4F	01001111	O	o	111	6F	01101111	o
P	80	50	01010000	P	p	112	70	01110000	p
Q	81	51	01010001	Q	q	113	71	01110001	q
R	82	52	01010010	R	r	114	72	01110010	r
S	83	53	01010011	S	s	115	73	01110011	s
T	84	54	01010100	T	t	116	74	01110100	t
U	85	55	01010101	U	u	117	75	01110101	u
V	86	56	01010110	V	v	118	76	01110110	v
W	87	57	01010111	W	w	119	77	01110111	w
X	88	58	01011000	X	x	120	78	01111000	x
Y	89	59	01011001	Y	y	121	79	01111001	y
Z	90	5A	01011010	Z	z	122	7A	01111010	z
[	91	5B	01011011	[	{	123	7B	01111011	{
\	92	5C	01011100	\	|	124	7C	01111100	|
]	93	5D	01011101	]	}	125	7D	01111101	}
^	94	5E	01011110	^	~	126	7E	01111110	~
_	95	5F	01011111	_	Delete	127	7F	01111111	n/a

APPENDIX C



Keypad Hex Output Values

45-Key Keypad Hex Output

The following table contains the hex output for a standard 45-key keypad, where “CS” is CTRL + SHIFT (Locked) key output, “C” is CTRL key output, “S” is SHIFT key output and “U” is single key output.

Table C-1: 45-Key Keypad Hex Output Values

<i>Key = Hex</i>	<i>Key = Hex</i>	<i>Key = Hex</i>	<i>Key = Hex</i>	<i>Key = Hex</i>
C1 = 66 S1 = 61 U1 = 11	C10= 67 S10 = 62 U10= 12	C1 = 68 S19 = 63 U19= 13	C28= 69 S28 = 64 U28= 14	C37= 6A S37 = 65 U3 = 15
C2 = 01 S2 = 2B U2 = 41	C11= 02 S11 = 28 U11= 42	C20= 03 S20 = 29 U20= 43	C29= 04 S29 = 3C U29= 44	C38= 05 S38 = 3E U38= 45
C3 = 06 S3 = 2D U3 = 46	C12= 07 S12 = 21 U12= 47	C21= 08 S21 = 5F U21= 48	C30= 09 S30 = 5B U30= 49	C39= 0A S39 = 5D U39= 4A
C4 = 0B S4 = 2F U4 = 4B	C13= 0C S13 = 26 U13= 4C	C22= 0D S22 = 3A U22= 4D	C31= 0E S31 = 3B U31= 4E	C40= 0F S40 = 3F U40= 4F
C5 = 10 S5 = 2A U5 = 50	C14= 11 S14 = 40 U14= 51	C23= 00 S23 = 37 U23= 37	C32= 00 S32 = 38 U32= 38	C41= 00 S41 = 39 U41= 39
C6 = 12 S6 = 3D U6 = 52	C15= 13 S15 = 23 U15= 53	C24= 00 S24 = 34 U24= 34	C33= 00 S33 = 35 U33= 35	C42= 00 S42 = 36 U42= 36
C7 = 14 S7 = 5E U7 = 54	C16= 15 S16 = 24 U16= 55	C25= 00 S25 = 31 U25= 31	C34= 00 S34 = 32 U34= 32	C43= 00 S43 = 33 U43= 33
C8 = 16 S8 = 2C U8 = 56	C17= 17 S17 = 25 U17= 57	C26= 18 S26 = 2E U26= 58	C35= 00 S35 = 30 U35= 30	CTRL
C9 = 19 S9 = 22 U9 = 59	C18= 1A S18 = 1B U18= 5A	C27= 00 S27 = 08 U27= 20	C36= 00 S36 = 0D U36= 0D	SHIFT

30-Key Keypad Hex Output

The following table contains the hex output for a standard 30-key keypad, where “CS” is CTRL + SHIFT (Locked) key output, “C” is CTRL key output, “S” is SHIFT key output and “U” is single key output.

Table C-2: 30-Key Keypad Hex Output Values

<i>Key = Hex</i>	<i>Key = Hex</i>	<i>Key = Hex</i>	<i>Key = Hex</i>	<i>Key = Hex</i>
C1 = 01 S1 = 11 U1 = 41	C7 = 02 S7 = 12 U7 = 42	C13 = 03 S13 = 13 U13 = 43	C19 = 04 S19 = 14 U19 = 44	C25 = 05 S25 = 15 U25 = 45
C2 = 06 S2 = 2F U2 = 46	C8 = 07 S8 = 28 U8 = 47	C14 = 08 S14 = 31 U14 = 48	C20 = 09 S20 = 32 U20 = 49	C26 = 0A S26 = 33 U26 = 4A
C3 = 0B S3 = 2A U3 = 4B	C9 = 0C S9 = 29 U9 = 4C	C15 = 0D S15 = 34 U15 = 4D	C21 = 0E S21 = 35 U21 = 4E	C27 = 0F S27 = 36 U27 = 4F
C4 = 10 S4 = 2D U4 = 50	C10 = 11 S10 = 23 U10 = 51	C16 = 12 S16 = 37 U16 = 52	C22 = 13 S22 = 38 U22 = 53	C28 = 14 S28 = 39 U28 = 54
C5 = 15 S5 = 2B U5 = 55	C11 = 16 S11 = 2C U11 = 56	C17 = 17 S17 = 3D U17 = 57	C23 = 18 S23 = 30 U23 = 58	C29 = 19 S29 = 2E U29 = 59
C6 = 1A S6 = 1B U6 = 5A	C12 = 00 S12 = 08 U12 = 20	C18 = 00 S18 = 0D U18 = 0D	CTRL	SHIFT

20-Key Keypad Hex Output

The following table contains the hex output for a standard 20-key keypad:

Table C-3: 20-Key Keypad Hex Output Values

<i>Key = Hex</i>	<i>Key = Hex</i>	<i>Key = Hex</i>	<i>Key = Hex</i>
1 = 41	6 = 42	11 = 43	16 = 44
2 = 31	7 = 32	12 = 33	17 = 2B
3 = 34	8 = 35	13 = 36	18 = 2D
4 = 37	9 = 38	14 = 39	19 = __
5 = 2E	10 = 30	15 = 20	20 = __



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